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## Rep. Murtha Commends Joint Finance Committee's Vote to Restore K-12 Funding

**Madison** – Earlier this week, the legislature's Joint Finance Committee approved a measure to restore funding of \$150 per pupil in the first year of budget biennium, and increase funding by \$100 per pupil in the second year for public K-12 schools.

"My Republican colleagues have made K-12 education a top priority," said Rep. John Murtha (R – Baldwin). "I'm thrilled the Joint Finance Committee voted for this plan. It shows our commitment to investing in our schools so that our kids have the tools and skills they need to be successful."

"As I met with constituents across the 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District last month, I heard great concern from parents, teachers, and school administrators regarding education funding in the governor's budget proposal. I hope they'll be pleased to know their concerns were conveyed and their voices were heard," said Murtha. "This measure is a win for our schools, a win for our kids, and a win for the future of Wisconsin."

The measure is now part of the budget bill, which the legislature will vote on next month.

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